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Warm-up: Using PHRASES to Add Vivacity to Your Dialogue

You will need two different colors of writing utensils for this warm-up. Copy the following. Be careful to copy punctuation exactly! Punctuation is VERY IMPORTANT! YES, you must copy everything!

1. Adverbial phrase- describes HOW something was said or a motion that the conversationalist is doing

- a. My sister *quickly screamed*, "HELP!"
- b. "HELP!" my sister *quickly screamed*.

2. Adjectival phrase- describes the PERSON saying the dialogue

- a. *Her face flushed and in her pink bathrobe*, my sister screamed, "HELP!"
- b. "HELP!" my sister screamed, *her face flushed and in her pink bathrobe*.

3. Appositive phrase- describes the PERSON saying the dialogue, but singles them out from the rest by narrowing down who they are

- a. My sister, *who lives in California*, yelled, "HELP!"

4. Prepositional phrase- describes WHERE the conversationalist is or where the conversationalist is placing something

- a. *Standing in the middle of the street*, my sister yelled, "HELP!"
- b. "HELP!" my sister yelled, *standing in the middle of the street*.
- c. *Pelting the hairbrush down the street*, my sister yelled, "HELP!"
- d. My sister yelled, "HELP!" *as she pelted the hairbrush down the street*.

